

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as detailed below:

Please change line 9 on page 2 to read as shown below:

the “dot com” companies has been followed by an even more rapid increase in operating

Please change line 32 on page 4 to read as shown below:

there are no tools ~~to-for~~ managers to use in analyzing the impact of uncertainty

Please change the paragraph that begins on line 16 of page 5 to read as shown below:

The importance of analyzing these different factors will vary by process, enterprise and organization. However, in aggregate they can alter the economics of a process in such a way that the best set of process features are used when enterprise or organization value and risk are optimized and will be different than the “optimal” set of features for the stand-alone process. The enterprises and organizations operating the process are, of course, interested in optimizing their own financial performance so the utility of process analysis applications that don't consider this perspective is questionable at best.

Please change line 5 on page 6 to read as shown below:

while minimizing risk for an enterprise or multi-enterprise process owner that overcomes the

Please change line 10 on page 9 to read as shown below:

FIG. 2 is a diagram showing the files or tables in the application database (50) of the present invention that are

Please change line 13 on page 11 to read as shown below:

~~design system database (10), operating factors database (15), process management~~

Please change line 17 on page 12 to read as shown below:

information is combined with input received from the keyboard (413112) or mouse (116) in

Please change the paragraph that begins on line 21 on page 12 to read as shown below:

User input is initially saved to the client database (49) before being transmitted to the communication bus (425124) and on to the hard drive (422121) of the application-server computer via the network (25). Following the program instructions of the application software, the central processing unit (127) accesses the extracted data and user input by retrieving it from the hard drive (422121) using the random access memory (424125) as computation workspace in a manner that is well known.

Please change line 14 on page 13 to read as shown below:

maximizes process value while minimizing process risk as shown in FIG. 6A and FIG. 6B. The third

Please change line 16 on page 20 to read as shown below:

will store the data it retrieves in the external factor priceforecast table (450152)

Please change line 32 on page 20 to read as shown below:

factor forecast table (450152), processing advances to a software block 232.

Please change line 3 on page 26 to read as shown below:

and the frames that are associated with it from the frame definition table (143),
and the.

Please change line 27 on page 26 to read as shown below:

table (142), the frame definition table (143), and the process management
system database

Please change line 31 on page 26 to read as shown below:

process and frame. Feature option bots calculate the value of the option to add a
feature or

Please change line 24 on page 31 to read as shown below:

in block 405 checks the reports tables (~~155~~145) to determine if any reports have
been